

REMARKSI. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005, claims 19, 30 and 32 have been cancelled and claims 10, 12 and 28 have been amended. Claims 10-13, 18, 20, 28, 29, 31 and 33-37 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Claim Amendments

Applicant's attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. These amendments are fully supported by the specification as filed and add no new matter.

III. Non-Art Rejections

On page (2) of the Office Action, claims 10-13, 18-20, and 28-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Also on page (2) of the Office Action, claims 10-13 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for her helpful comments. Claims 10, 12 and 28 have been amended to address these rejections.

IV. Prior Art Rejections

On page (3) of the Office Action, claims 28, 30, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Cheng et al., 1991; Mol. Cell. Biol. 11:4717-4725 (Cheng).

While Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, the claims have been amended to address the Examiner's comments and to further the prosecution of this application. Thus, Applicant submits that independent claim 28 as presented herein are allowable over Cheng. Further, dependent claims 29, 31 and 33-37 are submitted to be allowable over Cheng in the same manner,

because they are dependent on independent claim 28 and thus contain all the limitations of the independent claim.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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